

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP-WASHINGTON D.C.

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Subject: Organization and Order of Battle of the Czechoslovak Army

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I GENERAL ORGANIZATION

A. INFANTRY

1. The Infantry Division includes:

a. 3 Infantry Regiments composed of 3 battalions of which one is used for new cadres. Each battalion is composed of 4 companies:

- 3 rifle companies
- 1 machine-gun company
- 1 mortar company
- 1 40mm gun company

b. Artillery

1 horse-drawn artillery regiment composed of 3 groups:
2 groups of 76mm
1 group of 122mm

In each group the 3rd battery is used for cadres.
1 A/T motorized artillery group with 3 x 76mm batteries, of which 1 is used for cadres.

2. The Infantry Division (Fast) includes:

1 infantry brigade with 3 autonomous (self-contained?) motorized battalions.

1 artillery regiment, motorized, composed of 1 x 76mm group and 1 x 122mm group. In each group the 3rd battery is used for cadres.

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1 artillery group, A/T, as in the infantry division.

2 armored brigade including 3 armored battalions and 1 battalion of machine-guns.

B. ARTILLERY

1. A/A Formations

151st, 152nd, 153rd, and 154th Regiments.
151st Group (the organization is unknown).

Regiments include 4 groups breaking down into 2 groups of 82mm guns and 1 group of 57mm guns, and 1 group of 200mm searchlights.

Thus the regiment has: 24 x 82mm guns
12 x 57mm guns
18 searchlights

2. A/T Brigades

1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th Artillery Brigades.
201st to 206th Regiments (inclusive).

The regiment includes 2 groups of 76mm A/T guns (24 guns).

3. Heavy Brigades

2nd, 5th, 8th, and 11th Brigades.
301st to 306th Regiments (inclusive).

Each regiment has 2 groups of 160mm guns, or a total of 24 guns.

1 Topography and Observation Group with batteries:

topography
observation
photography
range-finding

4. Mortar Brigades (similar to "minenwerfer")

3rd, 6th, 9th, and 12th Brigades.
351st to 356th Regiments.

Each regiment has 2 groups of 120mm mortars, or 36 mortars. The battery has 6 pieces.

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5. Special Artillery

The 2nd Regiment and the 267th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, and 255th Groups are special formations; the 251st to 255th Groups are topographic and range-finding formations. The exact organization is unknown.

6. Artillery Division

The 21st Brigade, with the 24th and 25th Regiments, is a heavy gun brigade. The 22nd Brigade, with the 101st and 102nd Regiments, is equipped with heavy howitzers.

The 23rd Brigade, with the 209th and 210th Regiments, has very long-range guns.

Regiments usually have 2 groups with certain special formations for topography and range-finding.

The exact organization is unknown.

C. ARMORED UNITS

The exact organization of these units is still unknown. The only thing known is that the material is incomplete, worn out, and of various origins, brought back with formations from Great Britain and the USSR. Certain tanks originate also from captured German booty. No maneuvers are presently taking place with this material. The Ministry of National Defense hopes that these units will be progressively equipped by the USSR.

D. AVIATION

Aviation Regiments Nos. 1 to 20 (incl.) are fighter plane regiments.
 " " " " 20 to 40 " " " " combat plane regiments
 (bombers of all types?)
 Aviation Regiments bearing numbers above 40 are reconnaissance regiments.

II ORDER OF BATTLE

Preliminary remarks: Units followed by the expression "without garrison" are in the process of being organized. The material intended for armored units comes from various places and is in-

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complete. Such material is stored at a central point and is to be distributed as units become reequipped.

A. HEADQUARTERS AND FORMATIONS COMING IMMEDIATELY UNDER THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (M.N.D.)

1. Headquarters of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Military Regions

2. The Armored Corps in Moravska-Trebava

1st Armored Brigade in Vyseke Myto

1st Armored battalion in Vyseke Myto
2nd Armored battalion without garrison
3rd Armored battalion without garrison

Battalion of machine-pistols in Rychnov
Battalion of heavy tanks in Vyseke Myto

2nd Armored Brigade in Svitavy

1st Armored battalion without garrison
2nd Armored battalion without garrison
3rd Armored battalion without garrison

Battalion of machine-pistols without garrison

3rd Armored Brigade in Pardubice

1st Armored battalion without garrison
2nd Armored battalion without garrison
3rd Armored battalion without garrison

Battalion of machine-pistols without garrison

3. 52nd Artillery regiment in Jihlava

4. 257th Artillery group in Dazice

5. 161st Artillery group in Hradec Kralove (anti-aircraft)

6. The Artillery division in Prague includes:

21st Artillery brigade at Olomouc

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84th Artillery regiment in Dedice u Vyskova
88th Artillery regiment in Olomouc

82nd Artillery brigade in Olomouc

101st Artillery regiment in Olomouc
102nd Artillery regiment in Zilina

83rd Artillery brigade in Praha

809th Artillery regiment in Hradec Kralove
810th Artillery regiment in Jince

7. 835th Artillery group without garrison

8. Railroad brigade in Pardubice

Battalions I to IV are without garrison

9. Communications regiment no. 5 in Kutna Hora

10. Battalion of Armored Trains (railroad) in Milovice

B. UNITS COMING UNDER MILITARY REGIONS**I. 1st Military Region of Prague**

1. Headquarters of the 1st Army Corps in Litomerice

2. Headquarters of the 2nd Army Corps in Hradec Kralove

3. Automobile Battalion No. 1 in Prague

4. Automobile Battalion No. 2 in Prolom

5. 1st Artillery Brigade in Litomerice

801st Artillery Regiment in Litomerice
802nd Artillery Regiment in Hradec Kralove

6. 2nd Artillery Brigade in Brandys nad Labem

801st Artillery Regiment in Brandys nad Labem
802nd Artillery Regiment in Stara Boleslav

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7. 3rd Artillery Brigade in Louny
351st Artillery Regiment in Louny
352nd Artillery Regiment in Josefov
8. 351st Artillery Group without garrison
9. 151st Artillery Regiment (anti-aircraft) in Prague
10. 1st Brigade of Engineers in Teresin
1st to 4th Battalions of Engineers in Teresin
5th Battalion of Engineers in Stechovice
6th Battalion of Engineers in Mnichove Hradiste
Battalion of pontoon builders in Pardubice
11. Communications Regiment No. 1 in Jaromer
12. Cavalry Brigade in Pardubice
1st Cavalry Group in Pardubice
1st Squadron in Prague
2nd Squadron in Prague
3rd Squadron in Litomerice
4th Squadron in Josefov
Group of cavalry instruction in Pardubice
13. Aviation Headquarters of the 1st Military Region in Prague
 - a. Regimental Depot No. 1 in Kbely
 - b. 1st Aviation Division in Kbely
10th Aviation Regiment in Kbely
12th Aviation Regiment in Kbely
 - c. 41st Aviation Regiment in Milevice
 - d. Transportation Regiment in Prague
 - e. Air Base No. 1 in Kbely
 - f. Air Base No. 9 in Milevice
 - g. Aviation Military Academy in Hradek Kralove
 - h. Special School for aircraft mechanics in Ruzedel U Liberec
 - i. Aviation Communications School in Pardubice
 - j. Aviation Instruction Center of the 1st Military Region in Zaby (Reichstadt). (Moved recently.)
14. 1st Army Corps
 - a. 1st Division (fact) in Prague

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8th Infantry Brigade in Prague

8th Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Prague
21st Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Beroun
26th Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Prague

21st Armored Brigade in Rusyn

1st Armored Battalion in Rusyn
2nd Armored Battalion in Rusyn
3rd Armored Battalion in Rusyn
Battalion of machine-pistols in Rusyn

51st Artillery Regiment (motorized) in Rusyn

251st Artillery Group (motorized) in Rusyn

b. 12th Division (infantry) in Litomerice

2nd Infantry Regiment in Decin
9th Infantry Regiment in Chomutov
36th Infantry Regiment in Host
3rd Artillery Regiment (horse-drawn) in Litomerice
262nd Artillery Group in Litomerice (motorized)

15. 2nd Army Corps

a. 15th Division (fast) in Kolin

1st Infantry Brigade in Mlada Boleslav

37th Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Jicin
42nd Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Mlada Boleslav
44th Infantry Battalion, autonomous, in Mlada Boleslav

11th Armored Brigade in Milovice

1st Armored Battalion in Milovice
2nd Armored Battalion in Milovice
3rd Armored Battalion in Milovice
Battalion of machine-pistols in Milovice

56th Artillery Regiment in Kolin

263rd Artillery Group in Losen

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b. 14th Division (infantry) in Hradec Kralove

4th Infantry Regiment in Hradec Kralove
22nd Infantry Regiment in Jicin
30th Infantry Regiment in Liberec
4th Artillery Regiment in Jeseňov
264th Artillery Group in Jeseňov

II. 2nd Military Region in Tabor

1. Headquarters of the 3rd Army Corps in Plzen
2. Headquarters of the 4th Army Corps in Ceske Budejovice
3. Automobile Battalion No. 3 in Plzen
4. Automobile Battalion No. 4 in Tabor
5. 4th Artillery Brigade in Pribram

303rd Artillery Regiment in Pribram
204th Artillery Regiment in Paeov
6. 5th Artillery Brigade in Rakovnik

303rd Artillery Regiment in Rakovnik
304th Artillery Regiment in Tabor
7. 6th Artillery Brigade in Plzen

353rd Artillery Regiment in Meste Tauskov
364th Artillery Regiment in Ctyri Dvory u Budejovic
8. 532nd Artillery Group in Pribram
(most likely a topographical unit)
9. 152nd Artillery Regiment in Plzen (anti-aircraft)
10. 2nd Brigade of Engineers in Prague

1st to 4th Battalions of Engineers in Prague
5th Battalion of Engineers in Pisek
6th Battalion of Engineers in Ceske Budejovice
11. Communications Regiment No. 2 in Benesov

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12. 2nd Cavalry Group in Tyn Nad Vitavou

**Squadron No. 5 in Rakoveany
Squadron No. 6 in Budejovice**

13. Aviation Headquarters of the 2nd Military Region in Ceske Budejovice

- a. Depot Regiment No. 2 in Ceske Budejovice
- b. 2nd Aviation Division in Ceske Budejovice
4th Aviation Regiment in Ceske Budejovice
5th Aviation Regiment in Ceske Budejovice
- c. 6th Aviation Division in Havlicku Brod (former Nemosky Brod, recently renamed and not to be confused with Cesky Brod)

24th Aviation Regiment in Plzen
25th Aviation Regiment in Havlicku Brod
- d. Air Base No. 2 in Ceske Budejovice
- e. Air Base No. 6 in Plzen
- f. Air Base No. 10 in Havlicku Brod (Recently organized; the Aviation Instruction Center of the 2nd Military Region was abolished.)
- g. Aviation Instruction Center of the 2nd Military Region in Chrusk

14. 3rd Army Corps

- a. 11th Division (infantry) in Plzen
18th Infantry Regiment in Stribru
18th Infantry Regiment in Plzen
55th Infantry Regiment in Klatovy
1st Artillery Regiment in Plzen
261st Artillery Group in Thranov
- b. 19th Division (infantry) in Karlovy Vary

15th Infantry Regiment in Falknov
19th Infantry Regiment in Kadan
33rd Infantry Regiment in Chob
8th Artillery Regiment in Rakoveany
266th Artillery Group in Klaster Topla

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18. IVth Army Corps in Ceske Budejovice

a. 5th Division (infantry) in Ceske Budejovice

1st Infantry Regiment in Ceske Budejovice
11th Infantry Regiment in Pisek
29th Infantry Regiment in Jindrichov Hradec
5th Artillery Regiment in Ceske Budejovice
255th Artillery Group in Ctyri Dvory U Budejovice

b. 15th Division (fast) in Bystrice U Benesova

2nd Infantry Brigade in Benesova

38th Battalion, autonomous, in Podborany U Zatec
46th Battalion, autonomous, in Chrudim
48th Battalion, autonomous, in Pelhrimov

12th Armored Brigade in Cesky Krumlov

1st, 2nd, 3rd Armored Battalions and Battalion
of machine-pistols in Cesky Krumlov

57th Artillery Regiment in Svetla Nad Sazavou

265th Artillery Group in Caslav

III. 5th Military Region in Brno

1. Headquarters of the 5th Army Corps in Brno
2. Headquarters of the 6th Army Corps in Olomouc
3. Automobile Battalion No. 5 in Brno
4. Automobile Battalion No. 6 in Olomouc
5. 7th Artillery Brigade in Budejovice

205th Artillery Regiment in Budejovice
206th Artillery Regiment in Frenstat

6. 8th Artillery Brigade in Olomouc

305th Artillery Regiment in Brno
306th Artillery Regiment in Olomouc

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7. 9th Artillery Brigade in Opava
355th Artillery Regiment in Brno
356th Artillery Regiment in Opava
8. 383rd Artillery Group in Dedice y Vyskova
9. 153rd Artillery Regiment in Olomouc
10. 3rd Brigade of Engineers in Kromeris
1st to 4th Battalions of Engineers in Kromeris
5th Battalion of Engineers in Brno
6th Battalion of Engineers in Hrusov Nad Ostravou
11. Communications Regiment No. 3 in Brno
12. Cavalry Group No. 3 in Olomouc
7th Squadron in Brno
8th Squadron in Olomouc
9th Squadron in Lipnik
10th Squadron in Brno
11th Squadron in Valasske Mezirici
13. Aviation Headquarters of the 3rd Military Region in Brno
 - a. Regimental Depot No. 3 in Olomouc
 - b. 3rd Aviation Division in Brno
7th Aviation Regiment in Brno
8th Aviation Regiment in Brno
 - c. Air Base No. 3 in Brno
 - d. Aviation School in Prostějov
1st Aviation Group in Prostějov
2nd Aviation Group in Prostějov
3rd Aviation Group in Prostějov
 - e. Primary Training Aviation School in Sternberk
14. 5th Army Corps in Brno
 - a. 3rd Division (fast) in Kromeris
5th Infantry Brigade in Kromeris
3rd Autonomous Battalion in Kromeris
10th Autonomous Battalion in Hodonin
27th Autonomous Battalion in U Herske Hradiste

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22nd Armored Brigade in Hodonin
Armored Battalions No. 1 to 3 in Hodonin
Battalion of machine-pistols in U Horské Hradiste

53rd Artillery Regiment in Bzenec

253rd Artillery Group in Helesov

b. 9th Division (infantry) in Brno

23rd Infantry Regiment in Znojmo
17th Infantry Regiment in Jihlava
7th Infantry Regiment in Brno

9th Artillery Regiment in Brno

219th Artillery Group in Pohorelice

15. 6th Army Corps in Olomouc

a. 7th Division (infantry) in Olomouc

8th Infantry Regiment in Frydek
15th Infantry Regiment in Sumperk
34th Infantry Regiment in Bruntal
7th Infantry Regiment in Olomouc
257th Artillery Group in Zabreh

b. 8th Division (fast) in Novy Jicin

3rd Infantry Brigade in Olomouc
45th Autonomous Battalion in Hranice
43rd Autonomous Battalion in Olomouc
47th Autonomous Battalion in Novy Jicin

15th Armored Brigade in Olomouc
1st and 2nd Armored Battalions in Sternberk
3rd Armored Battalion in Praslavice
Battalion of machine-pistols in Olomouc

56th Artillery Regiment in Valaske Mezirici

230th Artillery Group in Prosev

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IV. 4th Military Region in Bratislava

1. Headquarters of the 7th Army Corps in Trencin
2. Headquarters of the 8th Army Corps in Banaka Bystrice
3. Automobile Battalion No. 7 in Nitra
4. Automobile Battalion No. 8 in Kosice
5. 10th Artillery Brigade in Rimavsky Svit
 207th Artillery Regiment in Nitra
 208th Artillery Regiment in Rimavsky Svit
6. 11th Artillery Brigade in Kosice
 307th Artillery Regiment in Zilina
 308th Artillery Regiment in Kosice
7. 12th Artillery Brigade at Komarnik
 357th Artillery Regiment in Topolcany
 358th Artillery Regiment in Komarnik
8. 334th Artillery Group without garrison
9. 184th Artillery Regiment in Bratislava
10. 4th Brigade of Engineers in Bratislava
 1st Battalion of Engineers in Bratislava
 2nd Battalion of Engineers in Komarno
 3rd and 4th Battalions of Engineers without garrison
 5th Battalion of Engineers in Nova Mesto Nad Vahom
 6th Battalion of Engineers in Michalovce
11. Communications Regiment No. 4 in Turciansky Svätý Martin
12. 6th Cavalry Group in Topolcany
 12th Squadron in Malacky
 13th Squadron in Svolen
 14th and 15th Squadrons without garrison

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13. Aviation Headquarters of the 4th Military Region in Bratislava

- a. Regimental Depot No. 4 in Poprad
- b. 4th Aviation Division in Trenčin
 - 1st Aviation Regiment in Hajniky
 - 2nd Aviation Regiment in Piestany
 - 30th Aviation Regiment in Trenčin
- c. Air Base No. 4 in Trenčin
- d. Air Base No. 2 in Hajniky
- e. Air Base No. 12 in Piestany (changed recently; formerly in Spišská Nova Ves)

14. 7th Army Corps

- a. 6th Division (infantry) in Nitra
 - 24th Infantry Regiment in Trenava
 - 31st Infantry Regiment in Bratislava
 - 6th Infantry Regiment in Nitra
 - 6th Artillery Regiment in Topolčany
 - 256th Artillery Group in Topolčany
- b. 4th Division (fast) in Zilina
 - 4th Infantry Brigade in Zilina
 - 45th Autonomous Battalion in Dolná Dubá
 - 41st Autonomous Battalion in Zilina
 - 39th Autonomous Battalion in Trenčin
 - 14th Armored Brigade in Turčiansky Svätý Martin
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Armored Battalions without garrison
 - Battalion of machine-pistols without garrison
 - Artillery Regiment No. 4 in Zilina
 - 254th Artillery Group in Zilina

15. 8th Army Corps

- a. 2nd Division (infantry) in Banská Bystrica
 - 15th Infantry Regiment in Levice
 - 20th Infantry Regiment in Jelšava
 - 25th Infantry Regiment in Zvolen
 - 2nd Artillery Regiment in Brno nad Hronom
 - 258th Artillery Group in Banská Bystrica

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- b. 10th Division (infantry) in Kosice
 32nd Infantry Regiment in Kosice
 20th Infantry Regiment in Presov
 14th Infantry Regiment in Levesca
 10th Artillery Regiment in Kosice
 260th Artillery Group in Kosice

C. SCHOOLS

Infantry:	Milovice
Artillery:	Olomouc
Armored:	Milovice
Aviation:	Prostejov
Engineers:	Litoměřice
Communications:	Turnov
AA Artillery:	Prague
Armaments:	Pilsen
Chemical Warfare:	Olomouc
Politics:	Prague
Physion:	Prague
Economics:	Hodstina
General Staff:	Prague
Military Academy:	Bratislava
Aviation Academy:	Bratislava
Military Music:	Prague
Medical:	Prague

D. TRAINING CAMPS

Milovice)	Bohemia
Jince)	
Strasice)	
Dedice U Bystrova)	Moravia
Praslavice U Olomouc)	
Plavecké Pod Bradem)	Slovakia
Lest)	

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